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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Schneider et al. : Group Art Unit: 3721

Serial No.: 10/042,985 : Examiner: Truong, T.K.

Filed: October 19, 2001

Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER

PACKAGE AND RELATED METHODS

OF MANUFACTURE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Final Rejection dated March 31, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants request that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn and that the claims be amended as indicated starting on page 3.

FINALITY OF REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Office Action Summary states in error that the Final Rejection is responsive to Applicants' communication filed on July 12, 2004. Instead, the Final Rejection dated September 9, 2004 was responsive to Applicants' communication filed on July 12, 2004. On October 27, 2004, the Applicants mailed an Amendment After Final Rejection, which was responsive to the September 9, 2004 Final Rejection. An Advisory Action was mailed on December 22, 2004. A telephone interview was held on January 25, 2004, at which time the Final Rejection was withdrawn. Thus,